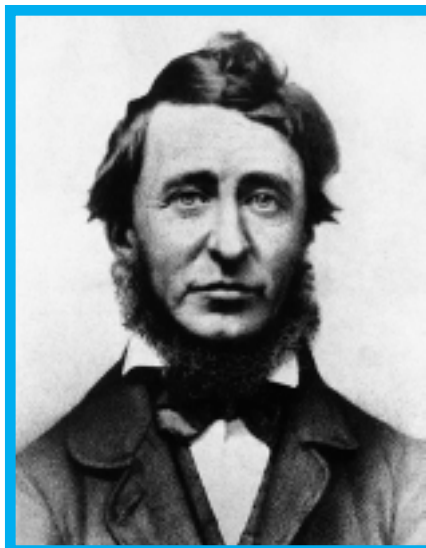


PREVIEW

from Civil Disobedience

Henry David Thoreau

Summary In 1846, Henry David Thoreau spent a night in jail. He had refused to pay his taxes because he believed the tax money would support the war against Mexico. He opposed the war. After he was released, he wrote “Civil Disobedience.” In this essay, Thoreau argues that people should oppose laws that violate their principles. In this excerpt, he explains his views on government.



Note-taking Guide

Use this chart to keep track of Thoreau's comments about the government.

